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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 7, 1999, kindly reconsider the patentability of the claims in view of the remarks presented below.

## **REMARKS**

The claims have been newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Reichle et al. U.S. Patent 5,852,146. Applicants respectfully traverse. Withdrawal of the prior rejections of record is gratefully acknowledged.

The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/423,232 filed April 17, 1995, now U.S. Patent 5,637,660. The Office had previously rejected the claims over the '660 patent for obviousness-type double patenting. In response, Applicants

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